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III.A.1. DOC should include de-escalation techniques in this list of staff instruction.

III.D.1.b. In addition to people who have or are suspected to have a mental health condition, this section should also reference individuals who have or are suspected to have TBI, or a neurocognitive, intellectual, developmental, or other disability that is likely to impact their response to a use of force. This section should not be limited to people with/suspected to have serious mental illness.

III.D.1.b.1) This section should indicate that a mental health or appropriate health services employee should -- not may -- communicate with the individual before force is used. Efforts should be made to communicate and de-escalate in any way possible, for as long as necessary, and in any situation, before resorting to using force.